

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-62 are considered in the Office action.

Claim 1-8, 10-23, 26-30, 32-38, 40-48, 51-55 and 57-62 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Warmus et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,205,452 (“Warmus”).

Claims 9, 24-25, 31, 39, 49-50 and 56 have been objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Reply

Applicants have amended claims 1, 14, 18, 22-23, 25-26, 31-33 and 38, and have cancelled claims 9, 17, 21, 24 and 39 without prejudice. In particular:

- claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of previous claims 1 and 9;
- claim 14 has been amended to include the elements of previous claims 14, 17, 21 and 24;
- claims 18, 22-23, 26 and 32-33 have been amended to depend from amended claim 14;
- claim 25 has been amended to include the elements of previous claims 14, 17, 21 and 25;
- claim 31 has been amended to include the elements of previous claims 14, 17 and 31; and
- claim 38 has been amended to include the elements of previous claims 38 and 39.

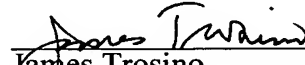
Applicants respectfully submit that the § 102(e) rejections of claims 1-8, 10-16, 18-20, 22-23, 26-38, 40-42, 44-48, 51-55 and 57-62 should be withdrawn.

Applicants further respectfully submit that claims 1-8, 10-16, 18-20, 22-23, 25-38 and 40-62 are allowable over the prior art.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including claims 1-8, 10-16, 18-20, 22-23, 25-38 and 40-62, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

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